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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the art identified on the attached form PTO/SB/08A and other matters discussed below may be helpful to the Patent Office in its examination of the application identified above.

A copy of each of the documents is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

The cited French application No. 81 12102 (publication document No. 2 508 136) is in the French language. No English language translation is provided. FIGS. 9 and 10 appear to illustrate a fixing ring 66 having a skirt for surrounding the rim or lip 68 on the upper end of a container, and the fixing ring skirt 67 also includes a plurality of tabs 70. Each tab 70 is connected to the bottom of the skirt 67 at a reduced cross section thickness region. Each tab 70 is deformed inwardly and under the container rim or lip

when an upper cover ring 73 is pushed downwardly to force the tabs 70 to pivot inwardly near the bottom of the fixing ring skirt 67.

The order of listing of the art on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the listed art.

The Patent and Trademark Office Examiner is requested to review the art and determine the extent of the materiality of the disclosures thereof with respect to the patentability of the subject invention. It is expected that the Patent and Trademark Office Examiner will independently conduct a complete search for relevant prior art.

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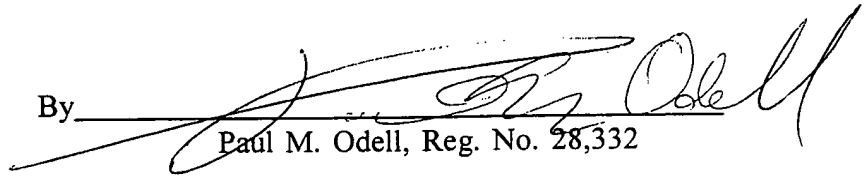
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Also, there is reserved the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosures of any document or other art, including the disclosures of the art cited herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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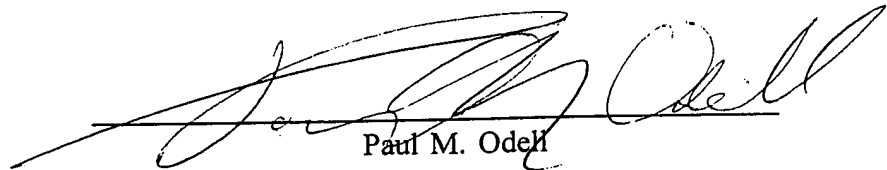


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